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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM THAT PROMOTES THE HUMANITARIAN TREATMENT OF ALL PERSONS IN ARIZONA, ENCOURAGES STRONG ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH RATIONAL IMMIGRATION POLICIES AND Allows FOR EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, the citizens of Arizona have consistently promoted tolerance
2 and respect for the rights, free speech and lives of all of its residents,
3 including immigrants and their families, and have consistently opposed
4 unofficial militias and vigilantism that can lead to confrontation and
5 violence, as evidenced by Cochise County Resolution 02-102; and

6 Whereas, civilian patrol initiatives are contrary to all that the
7 United States and Arizona stand for, including the presumption that everyone
8 within our country and our state is here lawfully; and

9 Whereas, private individuals associating together to come to our state
10 to assist, in some manner, the federal authorities in the enforcement of the
11 immigration laws could only be conducive to antisocial conduct, to
12 unnecessary intrusion on human relationships, to deleterious
13 misunderstandings and to aggressive behavior, especially given the documented
14 infiltration of these groups by white supremacists; and

15 Whereas, immigrants have contributed significantly to the strength and
16 economic prosperity of the United States and of Arizona, and action must be
17 taken to ensure their fair treatment by employers and protection against
18 fraud and abuse; and

19 Whereas, fixing the broken immigration system requires a comprehensive
20 approach that provides for adequate legal channels for immigration and
21 enforcement of immigration laws that will serve the economic, social and
22 security interests of the United States; and

23 Whereas, federal immigration policy should foster economic growth by
24 allowing willing workers to be matched with willing employers when no United
25 States worker is available to take a job.

26 Therefore

27 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
28 Senate concurring:

29 1. That the Members of the Legislature oppose individualized groups
30 who are not formally affiliated with any federal or state law enforcement
31 agency and who take it upon themselves to invade Arizona, allegedly to engage
32 in civilian patrol initiatives to assist the federal government in enforcing
33 federal immigration laws and policies.

34 2. That the Members of the Legislature declare Arizona to be a "Safety
35 Zone" where all persons are treated equally, with respect and dignity,
36 regardless of immigration status.

37 3. That the Members of the Legislature express their desire that the
38 United States government adopt comprehensive immigration reforms that ensure
39 respect and fair treatment of all persons, foster economic growth and allow
40 for effective enforcement.

41 4. That the Members of the Legislature express their desire that the
42 United States government, on adoption of sensible and comprehensive
43 immigration reforms, begin effective enforcement of federal immigration laws
44 at the federal level so that Arizona is not forced to shoulder the cost of
45 enforcing federal immigration laws.

1 5. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
2 of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the President of
3 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
4 Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.